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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: File Number 24314S

Levin Richmond Terminal Corporation
C/O Mr. Mike Cheney
6630 heartwood Drive
Oakland, California 94611

Dear Sir/Madam:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the Corps of Engineers, have completed their review of the sediment sampling and analysis plan (SAP) and supplemental information for the approximately 5,400 cubic yards of sediments proposed to be dredged from Berth A at the Levin-Richmond Terminal Corporation Facility located on the Santa Fe Channel at the Port of Richmond, City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, California. The SAP and supplemental information reviewed are as follows:

1. The SAP as presented in the report prepared by Advanced Biological Testing Inc. entitled "Sampling and Analysis Plan for Testing of Sediments for Maintenance Dredging at the Levin-Richmond Terminal Corporation Richmond, California" dated August 17, 1999.
2. The letter from Michael H. Cheney addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dated October 8, 1999, providing additional and clarifying information on the SAP.
3. The test results as presented in the report prepared by Advanced Biological Testing Inc. entitled "Results of Chemical and Physical testing of Sediments for Maintenance Dredging at the Levin-Richmond Terminal Corporation Richmond, California" dated August 16, 1999.
4. The letter from Michael H. Cheney addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dated December 17, 1999, requesting approval for testing of Berth A only and leaving Berth B as is until a solution for disposal of the material can be found.

5. The letter from Michael H. Cheney addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dated January 21, 2000, addressing past dredging depths and performing the chemistry first and providing a quick turn-around of the results for review by the agencies.

The above inter-agency group has approved the adequacy of the sampling plan as characterized in the above report and supplemental information for Levin-Richmond Terminal Berth A with the following comments and conditions:

1. This approval only covers the testing at Berth A and does not cover any testing that may need to be performed at Berth B.
2. You are required to provide a map showing the proposed six sampling locations for approval prior to taking the samples.
3. The SAP is approved for testing for the proposed in-bay disposal of the dredge material, if the disposal location changes, additional testing may be required.

Should you have any questions please call or write to Mr. David Dwinell of our Operation-Readiness Division (415-977-8471), and refer to the file number at the head of this letter.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Operation-
Readiness Division

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